

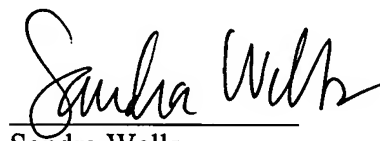
REMARKS

In order to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.821-1.825, the specification has been amended to include SEQ ID No: identifiers. Applicants assert that no new matter has been added by the amendments.

Upon entrance of this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants believe all the pending claims are ready for examination. Examination of the subject application, as amended, is respectfully requested. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at (408) 731-5000. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments associated with this application to Deposit Account No. 01-0431.

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Respectfully submitted,



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